

The Social Organization of Cities
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Tuesday 3 hour Block

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Description: Reviews the social history of cities and urban life. Presents current theory regarding the ecological and social structure of urban areas and the behavior of human beings within them.

I. History of Cities

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II. Ecological Structure

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III. Social Structure

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V. Race and Class in the City

Massey, Douglas S., and Nancy A. Denton. 1993. American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

VI. Fragmentation and Segmentation

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Massey, Douglas S. 1996. "The Age of Extremes: Concentrated Affluence and Poverty in the Twenty-First Century." Demography 33: 395-412.

Orfield, Myron. 2002. American Metropolitcs: The New Suburban Reality. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution.